



Riverine Force



environment assigned to the operational commander including maritime security operations (MSO) and security force assistance (SFA). MSOs deny violent extremist and criminal networks the use of the maritime environment as a venue for attack or to transport personnel, weapons or other material, and set the conditions for security and stability of regional nations. SFA entails protecting critical infrastructure; securing the area for military operations or commerce; preventing the flow of contraband; enabling power projection operations; joint, bilateral or multilateral exercises; conducting personnel exchanges; and participating in humanitarian assistance.

The Riverine Force is responsible for providing an offensive combat component to Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) and Navy brown water operating areas.

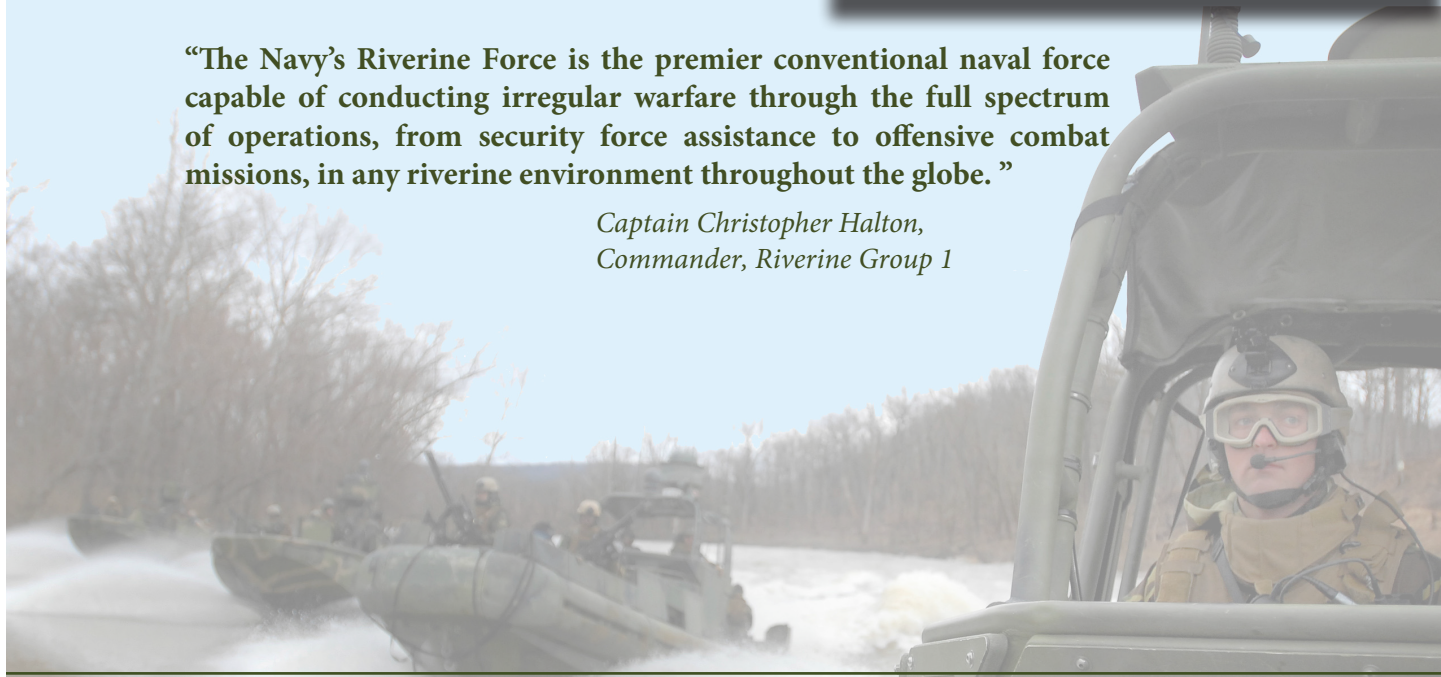
Categorized as a direct action unit, this force is designed to serve as a maneuver element to conduct combat operations and augment land forces within the operational commander's riparian maneuver space. The riverine force is capable of combating enemy riverine forces by applying fires directly or by coordinating supporting fires while operating with joint and multinational forces.

The nature of riverine operations requires forces tailored and packaged for the mission and



“The Navy’s Riverine Force is the premier conventional naval force capable of conducting irregular warfare through the full spectrum of operations, from security force assistance to offensive combat missions, in any riverine environment throughout the globe.”

*Captain Christopher Halton,
Commander, Riverine Group 1*



Closing Gaps in the Maritime Environment

Riverine at a Glance

Riverine Forces support the Chief of Naval Operations' Maritime strategy by protecting and maintaining brown water environments and destroying waterborne hostile forces. Riverine Forces also ensure enemy forces are surveyed and denied waterborne activities. Riverine will continue to build allies among host nations and create multinational expertise that can be applied across the spectrum of warfare. Since the Riverine Force was formally established in May 2006, NECC has stood up Riverine Group 1 in Virginia Beach, Va., and three riverine squadrons. All three squadrons have conducted repeated operations in Iraq.

- Three Riverine Squadrons, under one Riverine Group Commander, serve as a ready force for the Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander or Joint Forces Land Component Commander.
- Each Riverine Squadron consists of specially designed craft, vehicles and unmanned systems configured to operate in a hostile riverine environment. The craft have multiple crews for near continuous operations and lift capacity for a small tactical unit. The headquarters element provides organic command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, force protection and logistics.
- The Riverine Force provides the ability to conduct combat operations against small tactical, waterborne and unconventional warfare units in a riparian environment and security force assistance and training to friendly nations.

“Regarding foreign internal defense, we’ve deployed Riverine squadrons to Haditha Dam since about 2005. The Haditha Dam is the water source in and around Baghdad and really most of the Iraqi countryside around there. But we’ve moved from protection of the Haditha Dam up the Tigris and Euphrates, and really through our sixth deployment, have really taken out the insurgent water routes and returned those riverways to the people for commerce. ”

*Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert
Vice Chief of Naval Operations, January 21, 2010*

Active
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Riverine Force
740 personnel

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